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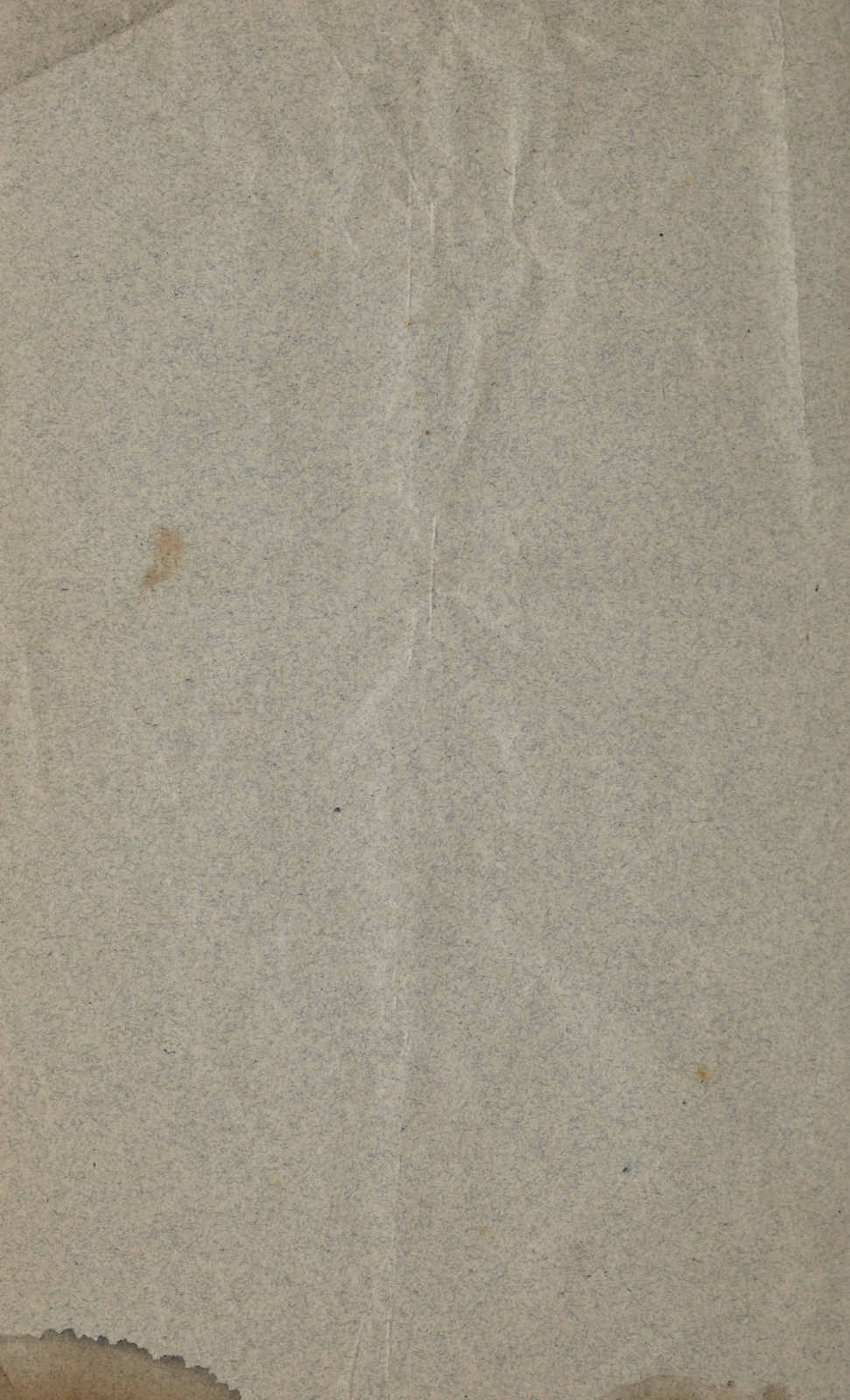
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# Town Officers for the Year 1878-9.

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TOWN CLERK,  
MOSES KIMBALL

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REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT,  
NATHANIEL H. CLARK.

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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
JAMES M. DAVIS,                      WILLIAM HASELTINE,  
MOSES H. CARLETON.

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
ANNIE L. DOW.

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TREASURER,  
H. H. CHENEY.

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COLLECTOR,  
H. H. CHENEY.

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CONSTABLE,  
DANIEL S. PEASLEE.

# REPORT.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

H. H. Cheney, Treasurer, 1878, charges himself as follows:—

With cash in Treasury, March 1, 1878,	\$1182 75
To received of H. H. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	826 77
Aleck Janelle, tax 1876,	32 31
H. H. Cheney, Collector, 1878,	3877 82
“ “ dog tax, 1877,	38 00
“ “ “ 1878,	28 00
State Railroad tax,	125 17
State Savings Bank tax,	29 72
Literary Fund money,	76 59
County on account of paupers,	391 28
Lucy Davis, tax and interest,	7 00
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	\$6615 41

He discharges himself as follows:—

By paying H. Bailey's note, No. 2,	\$1100 00
Interest on the same,	15 27
Town Bonds,	500 00
Coupons on Town bonds,	786 00
Interest on bonds over due,	5 62
Interest on bonds over due,	11 80
County tax,	1034 76
State tax,	756 00



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By paying Interest on note of H. Bailey, No. 1,	25 00
Selectmen's orders, 1878-79,	2181 16
Cash in treasury,	199 80
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	\$6615 41

## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

H. H. CHENEY, Collector, 1877.

DR. To uncollected taxes March 1, 1878	\$1055 42
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CR. By cash paid H. H. Cheney, Treasurer,	\$833 41
Dog tax,	38 00
Property bought by the town for	
unpaid taxes,	89 83
By sundry abatements,	41 33
Non-resident highway tax receipts,	
worked out,	7 20
Balance due the town,	45 65
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	\$1055 42

H. H. CHENEY, Collector, 1878-79.

DR. To taxes committed for collection,	
State tax,	\$756 00
County tax,	1034 76
Town tax,	2560 00
School tax,	661 50
Non-resident highway tax,	171 44
Dog tax,	54 00
Overlaid,	267 88
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	\$5505 58

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Cr. By paid Town Treasurer,	\$3869 70
Dog tax,	28 00
Non-resident highway tax receipts, worked out,	31 33
Balance due the Town,	1576 55
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## Abatements from list of 1877.

A. Butler, unable to pay,	\$1 36
Remi Rock, moved out of town,	1 36
Leon Denoncour, " "	1 36
A. Kelly, Jr., unable to pay,	1 36
Nelson Larive, moved out of town,	3 04
Mike Aubin, " "	1 36
E. H. Corey, " "	1 36
David Davis, over seventy,	1 36
Joseph Greeley, " "	1 36
Darius B. Chase, moved out of town,	1 36
Frank Hill, " "	1 36
Leonard Ricker, " "	1 36
Isaac B. Thompson, unable to pay,	3 66
" " dog tax,	1 00
William H. Thompson, unable to pay,	1 46
E. L. Fowler, moved out of town,	1 46
Simons B. Thompson, unable to pay,	2 63
" " dog tax,	3 00
John B. Smith, moved out of town,	1 36
George W. Poor, " "	1 36
Levi A. Lamson, dog tax,	1 00
J. Beaugard, moved out of town,	6 40
	<hr/> \$41 33



## SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1—Amount signed,	\$189 59	
And due the district 1878,	15 71	\$205 30
Due from 1877 as per report, on school house tax, 92 cents.	_____	
Paid L. E. Welch, for teaching,	\$207 00	
Amount due the town for orders overdrawn,	1 70	
District No. 2—Amount assigned,	\$162 01	
Due from 1877,	18 21	
	_____	\$180 22
Paid Addie Whitten for teaching,	\$161 00	
“ J. Harris, for wood and supplies,	6 90	
	_____	\$167 90
School money due the district,	\$12 32	
District No. 3—Amount assigned,	\$272 60	
Due from 1877,	54 98	
	_____	\$327 58
Paid Louise M. Pollard for teaching,	\$300 00	
Franklin Burnham for wood and supplies,	21 38	
	_____	\$311 38
School money due the district,	\$6 20	
District No. 4—Amount assigned,	\$113 79	
Due from 1877,	28 66	
	_____	\$142 45
Paid Frank D. Peaslee for teaching,	\$140 00	
Charles E. Day for wood and supplies,	4 50	
	_____	\$144 50
Amount due the town for orders overdrawn,	2 05	

## PAUPER ACCOUNT.

The Selectmen have expended on account of		
Isaac B. Thompon,	\$26 37	
A. Butler,	26 20	
Mrs. G. W. Kelly,	77 85	



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Peter Morin,	8 06	
A. Kelly, Jr.,	27 21	
Frank A. McConihe,	34 07	
Addie Buzzell,	78 00	
George Mitch,	32 25	
Susan Gile,	44 00	
Moses Stevens,	57 65	
Henry N. Bradley,	120 73	
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## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid S. B. Terry, taking up drain and grading road,	\$5 00
D. D. Chase & Son, lumber for guide boards,	6 98
Hiram Carleton, labor setting guide posts,	2 00
James M. Davis, labor and use of horse setting guide posts,	3 00
S. C. Loverin, making, painting and putting up guide boards,	26 75
Charles Sanborn, 20 posts for guide boards,	7 00
Daniel Peaslee, timber for Welch bridge, 1877,	12 40
S. B. Terry, labor on road,	1 00
A. Trefethern, labor on road,	4 05
A. Kelly, Jr., work on bridge near house of E. J. Cummings,	3 00
John Curtis, work on bridge near house of E. J. Cummings,	25
Joseph Day, labor with oxen on Geo. Sumner's district,	1 80
John C. Bradley, plowing half day,	1 50
E. S. Hadley, labor on road,	50
John M. Kimball, work on road,	8 78
Paid for use of plow,	50
Posts and rails for road near Hampstead line,	1 70

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Labor putting up same,	1 00
N. Hall, labor on Bryant road,	1 31
Alden B. Bartlett, for gravel,	5 00
Harry A. Davis, labor on road,	1 50
L. H. Pollard, brick grade for George Sumner's district,	3 00
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	\$98 02

## SNOW PATHS.


Paid S. N. Cummings,	14 18
G. Sumner,	12 60
S. B. Terry,	15 80
C. H. Haseltine,	7 92
John Bradley,	5 40
A. Trefethern,	4 35
J. M. Kimball,	7 12
B. G. Flanders,	14 47
N. Hall,	19 30
C. E. Day,	12 00
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	\$112 84



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 NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid C. H. Haseltine, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 1	13 58
Nathaniel Hall, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 2,	27 64
John Bradley, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 3,	9 33
John M. Kimball, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 5,	13 98
B. G. Flanders, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 6,	18 01
A. Trefethern, working out non-resident highway taxes in Dist No. 7,	3 44
W. H. McConihe, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 8,	4 38
George Sumner, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 9,	15 93
Charles E. Day, working out non-resident highway taxes in District No. 11,	25 91
H. H. Cheney, for certificates of taxes worked out, '77,	7 20
For the same for 1878,	31 33
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	\$170 73

 The non-resident highway taxes in District No. 10, not having been returned, are not included in the above.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid John M. Kimball, bounty on one hawk,	20
Samuel Calden, for two sheep killed by dogs, 1877,	8 00
Samuel Calden, for eight sheep killed by dogs, 1878	32 00
Edward Hines, bounty on one hawk,	20
Mary Russell, for one sheep killed by dogs, 1876,	5 00
Walter H. George, bounty on one fox,	50
W. H. Hills, bounty on one hawk,	20
Rogers & Co., burners, holders and wicks, for lamps in town hall,	4 20
Hanscom Brothers, paint for town hall,	3 80
Hanscom Brothers, paint, &c., for guide boards,	3 43
Hanscom, for hinges, 3 pad-locks, 3 clasps, and 4 doz. screws, 1876,	4 50
Geo. E. Lane, for invoice record book, blank books, &c.,	12 15
C. W. Cass, printing 15 check lists,	7 00
W. W. Seaver & Co., for printing bill heads,	85
Annie L. Dow, for books furnished indigent children in District No, 2,	1 50
D. Frank Fellows, for perambulating line between Plaistow and Kingston,	2 00
Joseph Kimball, administrator of the estate of Moses C. Kimball, services of Moses C. Kimball, in Hills & Cheney case,	5 00
N. K. Kelly, for returning births and deaths,	2 50
James M. Davis, postage and stationery for the years 1877 and 1878,	1 91
James M. Davis, making return of inventory to Coun- ty Commissioners,	3 00
A. C. Clement and W. H. Hills, building hearse house, and materials furnished for the same,	60 00
S. C. Loverin, painting town hall,	3 70
John W. Kelly, bounty on four hawks,	80

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 \$162 44



## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joseph Kimball, Superintending School Com. 1877,	35 00
George T. D. Putnam, services as Town Clerk, '75 & '76,	2 00
Annie L. Dow, services as Superintending School Committee, 1878,	20 00
Moses Kimball, services as Town Clerk,	20 00
Charles W. Cass, services, with assistants, in sup- pressing cock fight,	5 00
H. H. Cheney, fare to Exeter, to pay county tax,	70
H. H. Cheney, for collecting taxes 1877,	13 03
H. H. Cheney, for collecting taxes, 1878,	68 20
H. H. Cheney, services as Treasurer,	25 00
D. S. Peaslee, serving notices to take oath of office,	2 51
D. S. Peaslee, services as Constable,	1 00
William Haseltine, services as Selectman;	25 00
Moses H. Carleton, services as Selectman,	25 00
James M. Davis, services as Selectman,	60 00

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\$302 44

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1879.

Due on note,	\$505 20
Town bonds,	13,500 00
Coupons,	534 00
School District No. 1 on school house tax,	92
School District No. 2, school money,	12 32
School District No. 3, school money,	6 20
Balance of dog tax,	21 00
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	\$14,579 64

## ASSETS.

Due from A. Carleton, Collector, 1861,	\$100 00	
George Cheney, use of Town Hall,	2 00	
H. H. Cheney, Collector 1877,	45 65	
H. H. Cheney, " 1878,	1,576 55	
H. H. Cheney, " 1878,		
interest collected on taxes,	8 12	
School District No. 1, on account		
of orders overdrawn,	1 70	
School District No. 4, on account		
of orders overdrawn,	2 05	
Taxes bought by the Town,	82 83	
Cash in Treasury,	199 80	2,018 70
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Balance against the Town,		\$12,560 94
Debt reduced the past year,	\$1,326 86	
Respectfully submitted,		

JAMES M. DAVIS,	} Selectmen of Plaistow.
WILLIAM HASELTINE,	
MOSES H. CARLETON,	



REPORT  
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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
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DISTRICT NO. 1.

H. H. CHENEY, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall terms were taught by Mrs. L. E. Welch. The scholars in this school are quite young, but very bright and smart. Mrs. Welch is eminently "at home" in the school-room, and has a happy faculty of inciting her pupils to make great efforts in acquiring knowledge. Both of the closing examinations were attended by a goodly number of friends, and the exercises were of a highly interesting character. Some of them, considering the ages of the pupils, were quite remarkable. Writing had received special attention and the copy books were models of neatness, and also gave good evidence of improvement.

Pupils not absent or tardy during the term: 1st term, Annie Kelleher, Minnie Kelleher, Katie Kelleher, Emma Denoncour, Hattie Denoncour, Willie Denoncour, Dannie Kelleher, Katie Shannon :

2nd term, Katie Kelleher, Hattie Denoncour, Willie Denoncour, Charlie Denoncour, Alfred Goslin.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOSEPH HARRIS, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Addie Whitten. Order, neatness and industry reigned in this school-room. Words few, but judiciously spoken by the teacher, were the means of maintaining these essentials. We were particularly pleased with the attention given to reading, spelling and the pronunciation of words. Prizes were awarded, both for scholarship and deportment, and with apparently good results. The pupils labored in harmony with their teacher, and the result was, a pleasant and successful school.

Pupils not absent or tardy during the year: 1st term. Fred Hadley, Archie Williams, Carrie Hadley, Nellie Hadley, Rosa G. Harris, Florence Kelly; 2nd term. Fred Hadley, Nellie Hadley, Mary J. Hadley, Dora Page, Rosa G. Harris.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

FRANKLIN BURNHAM, Prudential Committee.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Louisa M. Pollard. This school is much larger than the others in town, and correspondingly more difficult to manage and teach. Miss P. brought physical, mental and moral courage and ability to her arduous work and succeeded finally. She here found a field for the exercise of that executive ability for which she is distinguished. A very pleasant harmony existed between parents, pupils and teacher, and the examination at the close of the winter term testified, that decided progress had been made in all the different branches. The writing of compositions weekly, was an important feature in this school, and one, that cannot be too highly commended. For a mild description of the school house and its surrounding, in No. 3,



the Dist. are referred to the first two lines of Whittier's poem entitled, "In School Days."

Pupils not absent: 1st. term, Mattie Davis, Carrie Hills; 2nd. term, Mattie Davis, Albert Duffee; 3rd. term, Harry Seaver, Albert Duffee

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

NATHANIEL A. WILLEY, Prudential Committee.

The two terms of this school were taught successfully by Frank D. Peaslee. The scholars were orderly and industrious and it was evident at both of the closing examinations, that they had made excellent progress in their studies. Special improvement was manifest in arithmetic. A class in grammar was particularly noted, and reflected much credit on teacher and pupils. An original poem written by the teacher, and finely spoken by one of the young ladies of the school, was an interesting feature.

Pupils not absent or tardy: 1st. term, Frank O. Towle, Gertie E. Simonds; 2nd. term, Gertie E. Simonds, Frank O. Towle, Willie F. Hill.

#### STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. OF DISTRICT.	1.		2.		3.		4.	
No. of Terms.	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1 2
Length of school in weeks,	10	13	11	12	8	12	10	9
Wages of teachers per month,	\$36	36	28	28	40	40	40	28 28
Whole No. of scholars,	33	29	28	28	48	51	53	33 32
Average attendance,	31	27	24	25	46	50	46	28 26
No. not attending any school,	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3 3
No. visits by Sup. Com.	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2 2
" " " Pru Com.	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0 0
" " " Citizens,	31	18	28	8	17	4	25	19 19
" Pupils study Drawing,	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
" " Vocal Music,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
" " attending to the higher branches,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 2

In closing our report, we congratulate our citizens, and the

friends of education, upon the success, which has attended all our schools during the past year. We do not claim for them perfection. There are evils, arising in some cases from irregular attendance on the part of some pupils, and also from the use of too great a multiplicity of text-books in the school-room. But the retrospect for the year is highly encouraging. Parents and friends have manifested an unusual degree of interest. Our teachers have been ambitious, laborious and successful. It is a noticeable fact, that in all the districts, the services of one teacher have been retained through the entire school year

ANNIE L. DOW,  
Superintending School Committee.







